

Docket No. F-8691

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Akihiro SHAKAGORI et al.  
Serial No. : (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2003/015319  
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For : SEAT RING FOR BUTTERFLY VALVE

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: